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METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION BY Examiner: Chowdhury, I. H.

For: FERMENTATION OF SULPHUR-

CONTAINING FINE CHEMICALS (METF)

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants respond to the Office Action dated July 14, 2006. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.